

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, May 11, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 2:15 p.m. in the Attorney's Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 101 Quality Hill Road, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member

Staff Present: Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator

Brian McIntyre, County Attorney

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 specifically: the Attorney's Office.

Mr. McIntyre said that the Attorney's Office continued to run with vacancies and explained that reorganizing the office helped cover cases, as well as lower juvenile filings. He noted that there were also more grant monies available.

Supervisor Searle asked about Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act funds.

Mr. McIntyre explained that those funds are still being used and added that even with federal funding assistance, the Attorney's Office would still need to keep the capital litigation fund available. He said that the biggest cost is hiring experts for case trials.

Chairman Call asked Mr. McIntyre about a financial crimes effort.

Mr. McIntyre said that the Sheriff's Office had discussed this issue with him and he was supportive of the idea.

Supervisor Searle asked for more information on the financial crimes unit.

Chairman Call gave Supervisor Searle the background and noted that this unit would focus on financial crimes and would be funded through a grant for three years.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there was anything in particular the Board wanted to discuss.

Vice-Chairman English explained the purpose of meetings and noted that the Board wanted to emphasize that the County needed all departments to look at ways to bring in revenue.

Mr. McIntyre stated that the Attorney's Office is currently exploring different software in order to digitize more of their processes.

Supervisor Searle noted that the Board supported using technology to improve effectiveness and efficiency in processes.

Mr. Hanson stated that he wanted to give the Board an update on the Civil Division. He said that public records requests are becoming more regular and that number will probably increase in the election year coming up and added that he requested that this be moved from the Board Office to the Civil Division as they have more involvement in the redaction of records. He also noted that he would begin using electronic signatures for all documents routed through the Civil Division and that he was in the process of hiring for the paralegal position.

The Board thanked Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Hanson for the update.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board